

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**VERIFIED STATEMENT OF
SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

I, Roger N. Piasio, hereby solemnly declare that:

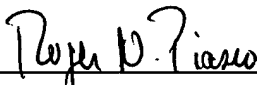
1. I am the President and Chief Executive Officer of Binax, Inc., a corporation of the State of Delaware, having a principal place of business at 217 Read Street, Portland, Maine 04103.

2. In that capacity I am authorized to make this statement on behalf of Binax, Inc.

3. Binax, Inc. is entitled to have assigned to it the patent application filed herewith and it expects to receive duly executed assignments from the named inventors and to have them recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office within a short period of time.

4. The definition of "a small business concern" contained in 37 C.F.R. §1.9(d) has been called to my attention and I am confident that Binax, Inc. qualifies as a small business concern under that definition.

5. In making this declaration, I have been duly warned that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both (18 U.S.C. §1001), and may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon. I further state that all statements herein made on my own knowledge are true and all statements made on the basis of information and belief are believed to be true.



Roger N. Piasio